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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION AMBASSADOR ENDERS' APRIL 29 SPEECH

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1. THE AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH HAD SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CIRCLES ACROSS CANADA. IT WAS CARRIED ON BOTH THE DOW JONES WIRE AND CP BUSINESS WIRE. IT WAS GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL "REPORT ON BUSINESS" SECTION. THE TORONTO STAR CARRIED A STRAIGHT, FULL NEWS STORY IN THE FIRST SECTION. THE HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD CARRIED ALMOST THE ENTIRE EXT OF THE REMARKS.

2. THAT THE SPEECH WAS READ IN SOME DETAIL BY EDITORIAL WRITERS IF REFLECTED IN PART BY THE FACT THAT A MONTREAL GAZETTE EDITORIAL ON MAY 7 WHICH DISCUSSED THE THE REPORT OF 15 REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN ABOUT U.S.-CANADIAN RELATIONS QUOTED SOME REMARKS FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH IN ANALYZING THE CONGRESSMEN'S POSITION; AND THE QUESTION ABOUT U.S. CONCERNS OVER THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN CANAD RAISED WITH COMMERCE SECRETARY RICHARDSON BY A NATIONAL T.V. ANALYST OBVIOUSLY HAS ITS GENESIS IN THE AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH.

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3. DURING THE VISIT OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON TO OTTAWA CANADIAN MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, DON JAMIESON, AND CANADIAN MINISTER OF ENERGY, ALISTAIR GILLESPIE, WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO TELL THE AMBASSADOR THAT HIS SPEECH STRUCK THE RIGHT TONE, WAS FACTUALLY ACCURATE, AND BROUGHT INTO OPEN DISCUSSION AREAS OF CONCERN THAT SHOULD BE EXAMINED ON A CONTINUING, DISPASSIONATE BASIS BY BOTH THE U.S. AND CANADA. THESE SAME SENTIMENTS WERE ECHOED BY FORMER FINANCE MINISTER JOHN TURNER WHO, THOUGH A PRIVATE LAWYER IN TORONTO, REMAINS A MAJOR, RESPECTED FIGURE IN LIBERAL PARTY POLITICS.
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